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Dear Sir,

I represent a small homemaker Club, more recently named the association for Family and Community Education - Our very title suggests our interest in the T.V. programs. Especially are we concerned about the so called prime-time programs when children are most likely to watch - we feel children's programs should not be later than 9 or 9:30 P.M. and should be of an educational or informative content. also it would be helpful if the children's programs could be advertised in the T.V. guide ahead of time so that plans can be made for children to watch appropriate shows

Please convey our thoughts to the other members of the Commission.

any consideration given our —
suggestions will be appreciated,

Sincerely,
Christine G. Vines,
Pres. of afternoon Suzip
F.C.E. Club.

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North Dakota Association for
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January 6, 1996

Federal Communication Commission
Reed Hundt, Chairman

Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am writing on behalf of the North Dakota Association for Family and Community Education and as a parent and daycare provider.

We as a state organization have been working for better quality television programming for our families. I am alarmed at what now passes for family television viewing.

I would strongly encourage you to pass at the least a minimum requirement of 3 hours of educational programming per week.

Please strongly define what constitutes educational programs. Some of the shows that stations use for their required programs should not be allowed.

Children's educational programs should be shown in the times when children usually view TV. I would suggest between 7a.m. and 10 p.m. Television stations should also identify the programs they are reporting as children's educational programming. Viewers have the right to know this information. It would also be helpful to have this listed in TV guides.

It is time for the FCC to enforce the Children's Television Act. We as a grassroots organization are concerned about the long term effects of television on children and families. We know that what we do today affects tomorrow's families.

Please strongly support quality children's television.

Sincerely,

Leigh Gunkel
NDFCE President

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Dear Mr. Hundt,

Here's what I think TV should have:

- 1) More children's educational shows
- 2) Fewer talk shows with prurient and/or bizarre interests.
- 3) All violent, sexy, and "adult" shows should be on at 10PM or later.
- 4) Make advertising a max of 5 min per half hour, or 2 min ads - 12 min show - 2 min ad - 12 min show - 2 min ad.
- 5) Don't keep giving the airwaves away.
- 6) Support PBS.

Thanks for listening

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Bob Wolff

■ As telecommunications reform legislation winds its way through Congress, the Federal Communications Commission faces an expanded role as protector of the public interest. But even under present authority, the FCC finds itself in a position to change fundamentally the way telecommunications policy serves America's children.

With the public's support, the commission could:

- Make sure every broadcast television station shows a certain minimum amount of children's educational programming every week.

- Make sure that every classroom in the country has access to the Internet, electronic mail and distance learning.

- Make sure that broadcast television stations tell TV guides in local newspapers what shows are appropriate for children and what are too violent for children.

- Make sure that when, as Congress has asked, we give \$400 billion of the public's airwaves to broadcast television stations so they can have four times as many channels, some percentage of the new programming will be devoted to public-interest purposes such as educational programming and non-partisan debate of political issues.

But if the public wants these results, it needs to speak out. The industry is telling us what it thinks; the public should let us know where it stands before these issues are decided. I ask that the public write to FCC, Consumer Assistance Branch, 1919 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20554 or call us at (202) 418-0200 or e-mail me at "rhundt@fcc.gov."

REED E. HUNDT
Chairman, FCC
Washington

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January 9, 1996

Federal Communications Commission
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Dear *Reed Hundt, Chairman*;

As current members of FCE (Family and Community Education) in Snohomish County, Washington, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a wholesome and educational environment for all our citizens, we are writing you concerning our strong objection to TV programs depicting violence.

To this end, FCE focuses on education for the family, leadership development for the individual, and opportunities for strengthening the community. As a result of this policy in 1991 FCE launched the CHILDREN AND TELEVISION PROJECT, and in 1995 FCE sponsored a major pledge campaign that asked Americans to TUNE out violent TV programs on April 5. This effort to "Tune Out Violence" proved to be very successful. The effects of violence as depicted on TV programs can be directly traced to more violent and aggressive behavior. It has been estimated that during their school age years children will witness up to 87,000 acts of violence on TV. Children and some young adults sometimes have difficulty distinguishing between fantasy and reality. We believe that because so much violence is shown on TV, our society today, as compared to years gone past, in general seems to have become complacent towards violence of any kind.

A good example of promoting a wholesome attitude are the children's programs "Mr. Rogers", and the series "Little House on the Prairie". These programs demonstrate a learning experience, a wise and gentle attitude, and have also been successful because of their longevity.

TV can be used effectively by parents by reading about and choosing suitable programs, establishing guidelines for watching TV, by watching TV with your children and discussing the use of violence as shown. Talking about TV programs and accompanying advertisements can lead to discussion about family values.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the FCC that we sincerely feel, that it should enact legislation to provide guidelines for the television industry, as a whole, to provide many more programs promoting education and wholesome family values. To also limit the number of programs and amount of time allowed for TV programs containing acts of violence.

Sincerely,

Janice Hoberg

Janice Hoberg, Chairman
Snohomish County FCE Campaign
Against Violence in TV programming
Joan Snow, FCE Member

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